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The Honorable Pete Hoekstra, Chairman Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations 1124 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Peter

Thank you for your letter regarding the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation's approval today of the Report of the Teamsters Investigation. Your 16 months of work has resulted in a comprehensive document which clearly outlines the failings of the previous leadership of the Teamsters union and makes concrete recommendations for improvements.

The widespread corruption and abuse of power, which are detailed in the Report, were abrogations of the rights of rank-and-file union members. I was pleased to lend my support to your efforts on their behalf. Throughout the Investigation, you and the other Members of the Subcommittee kept in mind the best interests of working men and women, often in the face of obstructionist tactics by leaders who purported to represent them.

I am hopeful and optimistic that the new leadership at the International Brotherhood of Teamsters will implement the Report's recommendations. And I look forward to continuing to work with you and the Subcommittee as we explore ways to make union accountability a reality for all rank-and-file members.

Sincerely,

ILL GOODLING

Chairman

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